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In re Application of:	§	Notice of Allowance Date:
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Assignee: The Johns Hopkins University	§	
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Application No.: 10/010,663	§	Examiner: Dung V. Nguyen
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Batch No.:	§	Class Subclass:
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Filed: December 6, 2001	§	
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For: Porous, Lubricated Mixing Tube	§	Atty. Dkt. No.: JHUKA1
For Abrasive, Fluid Jet	§	

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**OFFICIAL****REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT AND RECONSIDERATION**

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ATT: Examiner Dung V. Nguyen, Group 3723

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

In consideration of Examiner's recent Office Action which was responsive to the Applicants' filing of an Appeal Brief in the matter of the above referenced patent application, Applicants hereby request that reconsideration be given to the rejection of this application's herein amended claims.

The Applicants take note of the Examiner's stated willingness, in this most recent Office Action, to allow this application's claims 4, 13, 17, 26, 30, 39, 43 and 52 if they were rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. This has been done for claims 4, 30 and 37 and they are now the application's independent apparatus claims as independent claims 1, 27 and 40 have been cancelled.

The Applicants remain convinced that they are entitled by the present application to broader claims than the Examiner has previously been willing to allow. Thus, they again are pressing for reconsideration of this application's rejected claims.